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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC
MONITORING**

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POLICY:

- All patients evaluated by the paramedic team will be monitored in accordance with the standards of care, policies and protocols of Milwaukee County EMS.
- Standard Lead II configuration will be used for initial evaluation and continuous monitoring of the ECG.
- All ECG strips will be labeled with the run report number and date.
- A six inch or longer strip will accompany the patient to the hospital and another will be attached to the run report.
- ECG monitoring of a patient under the care of a paramedic team must be done by a licensed paramedic. BLS and other non-paramedic personnel may not be assigned nor assume responsibility to perform continuous ECG monitoring.
- Any change in rhythm will be documented on the run report and an attempt will be made to obtain a six inch strip of the new rhythm.
- Multiple ECG strips from one patient should be mounted sequentially on ECG mounting paper, labeled with the patient's name, run number and date.
- This policy does not exclude any patient from ECG monitoring. Medical control should be contacted for medical orders when appropriate for symptomatic patients.